

## Claims

What is Claimed is:

1. A method, comprising the steps of:
  - generating a list of desired elements of a first software code, the first code having a predefined command structure;
  - extracting the desired elements from the first code; and
  - performing an operation on the extracted elements.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the code is generated according to the following substeps:
  - receiving parameter information via a graphical user interface,
  - receiving handler function information via a graphical user interface, and
  - automatically generating the first code using the parameter information and handler function information.
3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the list of desired elements includes a list of language translatable elements and wherein the performing step includes the following substeps:
  - translating the extracted elements from a first language into a second language.
4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the performing step includes the following substep:
  - inserting the translated elements back into the first code.
5. The method according to claim 3, wherein the performing step includes the following substep:

generating a second code as a function of the first code and the translated elements.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the list of desired elements includes a list of help-related elements and wherein the performing step includes the following substeps:  
generating a help manual as a function of the extracted elements.
7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the list of desired elements is generated via a command graphical user interface.
8. The method according to claim 1, wherein a command graphical user interface displays the extracted elements.
9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the predefined command structure is a hierarchical command tree.
10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the predefined command structure is displayed via a graphical user interface.
11. A system, comprising:  
a first engine receiving a list of desired elements of a first software code, the first code having a predefined command structure;  
a second engine extracting the desired elements from the first code; and  
a third engine performing an operation on the extracted elements.
12. The system according to claim 11, further comprising:  
a code generation engine receiving parameter and handler function information via a graphical user interface and automatically generating the first code using the

parameter and handler function information.

13. The system according to claim 11, wherein the list of desired elements includes a list of language translatable elements and wherein the third engine translates the extracted elements from a first language into a second language.
14. The system according to claim 13, wherein the third engine inserts the translated elements back into the first code to generate a second code.
15. The system according to claim 11, wherein the list of desired elements includes a list of help-related elements and wherein the third engine generates a documentation manual as a function of the extracted elements.
16. The system according to claim 11, wherein the list of desired elements is generated by the first engine via a command graphical user interface.
17. The system according to claim 11, wherein a command graphical user interface displays the extracted elements.
18. The system according to claim 1, wherein the predefined command structure is a hierarchical command tree.
19. The system according to claim 1, wherein the predefined command structure is displayed via a graphical user interface.